



## Save Tarpon Woods

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PROJECT: BROOKER CREEK MITIGATION BANK  
RE: CONCEPTUAL ERP APPLICATION #889588, PINELLAS  
COUNTY, FLORIDA

On August 01, 2024, residents of the Tarpon Woods neighborhood and surrounding areas learned of the potential redevelopment of the Tarpon Woods Golf Club. Prior to this time, we had received no notice of this from either the golf course owners or the developer. We are writing this letter to inform you of our great concern for both the potentially harmful environmental effects and the future outlook of our community.

The golf course and facilities themselves have been in decline for many years, prompting the current owners to claim that residents somehow, “should have known” that this development was inevitable. We believe this is not an accurate assessment. We believe the management of the golf course and its facilities is solely responsible for this decline. We fully support the continued existence of a golf course and oppose its transformation into a residential development and wetland mitigation bank. The golf club and course was once a jewel in the crown of Tarpon Woods—we believe it can be great, again.

These are our primary concerns:

- Many residents bought homes specifically as golf course view or waterfront properties
- Potential environmental impacts such as increased flooding, wildlife endangerment during construction of both the wetland mitigation bank and the residential redevelopment.
- Decreased property values
- Density impact on already crowded roads and infrastructure
- SWFWMD is being misled as this is proposed to SWFWMD as a wetland mitigation bank and not part of a multi-phase project as stated in ERP Permit: 47575.000 (App: 889588)

We are very concerned about discrepancies between the permit application submitted by the developer to SWFWMD and the comments made by representatives for the developer at the Pinellas County Development Review Committee meeting held in Clearwater on July 1, 2024. It is made very clear by the developer's representatives that they intend to build residential units (approximately 300 units) which are holdover units from the original approved master site plan from Tarpon Woods and is currently located in the approximate 38 acre parcel on the north sector of the property. Based on statements made during the meeting, it appears the intention is to initially seek approval from SWFWMD for the mitigation bank construction which will create 88 approximate acres of upland and then later request a permit to move the originally plotted units from the 38 acres to "west of that location" which only could be interpreted as the area where the front nine holes of the golf course are currently located.

We have carefully reviewed both the transcript of Pinellas County DRC meeting and the SWFWMD permit application documents. The video of the meeting is available on [www.SaveTarponWoods.com](http://www.SaveTarponWoods.com). A direct link to the meeting video is <https://savetarponwoods.com/what-we-know>.

Since this information has been discovered, the support from the community to stop this re-development from occurring is growing exponentially. Petitions are currently being gathered and will be delivered to your office soon. Please do not hesitate to review our concerns and understand that the developer appears to be providing misleading documentation of their intentions within the SWFWMD permit aforementioned above.

Sincerely,

The Concerned Citizens of Tarpon Woods and The Surrounding Communities  
SaveTarponWoods.com